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Market-Efficient Retail Purchase of Goods and Services

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Sir:

On March 23, 2004, a paper was mailed to the correspondence address of record for the above-identified U.S. patent application. A copy of the paper is attached as Exhibit A. The paper includes an "Office Action Summary" setting a one-month period for reply and indicating that the claims are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The paper appears to be incomplete, including pages marked "Page 4" and "Page 5" but apparently lacking pages 1-3. The pages included in the paper do not indicate the nature of the restriction and/or election requirement.

Applicant's attorney has contacted Examiner Weisberger to notify him of the missing pages and to request remailing of the paper of March 23, 2004. On April 6, 2004, Examiner Weisberger indicated that the pages are also missing from the official file at the USPTO and that he would reconstruct the restriction requirement and remail it. Examiner Weisberger also recommended that Applicant file a paper noting that the paper of March 23, 2004, was incomplete. Applicant has not yet received a complete paper and therefore files this paper in accordance with Examiner Weisberger's recommendation. Accordingly, Applicants request that a new paper be mailed from the USPTO resetting the period for reply in accordance with MPEP § 710.06.

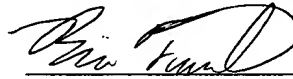
Applicants believe no petition or fee is required at this time, as no complete Office action has been mailed and as the Office acknowledged the incompleteness of the Office action within the one month period set by the mailing of March 23, 2004. Nevertheless, if a petition or fee is due, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge any required fee to deposit account 20-0531.

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